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The fire company is getting set with new grills for your swordfish or beef steaks.

Photos by Maureen Banner

Monterey Farmers Market
Off to a Green Beginning

The Monterey Farmers Market is open and growing on Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 6.

On June 14 lots of familiar faces made it a busy, cheerful, sunny beginning. Offerings included chicken, eggs, sausage, and cookies from Tom and Laurel Brazie at The Farm New Marlborough. They also had delicious quiche made with ingredients like their own sausage and Monterey Chèvre. (Both the sausage and chèvre were also available for purchase.) There was even a human size version of the Rawson Brook Farm chèvre cup waving cars into the market. (Tom and Laurel's farm is profiled in June's New Marlborough 5 Village News.)

Lowland Farm's maple syrup shared a table with a collection of microgreens, edible flowers, lettuces, and wild edibles at my New Marlborough Road table, which also featured Rawson Brook Farm goat cheese and vegetables from my garden. I'll have beans, squash, radishes, carrots, potatoes, melons, lots of greens, and herbs coming to my table, among other things.

Chelsea Vigue, from Uprising Farm in New Lebanon, NY, joined in for the second week with chard, garlic scapes, kale, peas, and more glimmering vegetables.

My radishes sold out quickly but they will return along with arugula, and other things that taste delicious with Rawson Brook Farm "Fetish," a crumbly goat cheese for topping a salad, pasta, or pizza. The goat farm's take on feta cheese is only available at the Monterey Farmers Market.

The Farm New Marlborough will soon have beef and pork products to add to their table along with other baked goods. We're hoping to add a few new vendors in the coming weeks. The Sweetish Baker, from Great Barrington, will join us with cookies, granola, breads, and other good things. She also does custom baking. Henry Carroll, from Tully Roots Farm on Route 23 (just west of the fire house), will be selling produce on some days.

Thanks to the new folks who came shopping. We are grateful for the excitement buzzing about the market.

We welcome growers who have a bumper crop, especially fruits, to join us any Tuesday. Please contact me ahead of time at Hannah.Bracken@gmail.com.

Join us Tuesday afternoons at the Monterey Community Center. You'll be able to say you were there when…

— Hannah Bracken

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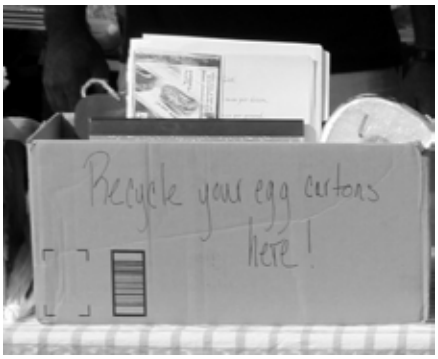

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Parks Commission
Summer News

Lifeguard Hours
There will be a lifeguard daily at the town beach from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., through Labor Day. There will not be a lifeguard during inclement weather.

Kayak Racks
The highly anticipated kayak racks will be placed across from the Lake Garfield boat ramp in mid-July. This location will give boaters easy access to both Brewer Pond and Lake Garfield. A kayak dolly will also be purchased to aid those who need assistance getting their kayaks across the road to the water. The dolly will be stored in the lifeguard shed and can be accessed during posted lifeguard hours only (11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., daily through Labor Day). Please just ask a lifeguard to let you in the shed.

There will be no town supervision or oversight in regard to for the kayak racks. Storage is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The town is also not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen boats. If you would like to lock your boat to the frame of the rack, you are welcome to do so.

We would like to remind those who have their boats chained to the fence at the beach or placed on Brewer Pond dam that boats are not allowed to be stored at these locations and are subject to removal.

Swim Lessons
Swim lessons will be provided by the Parks Commission during early August. For further information, stay tuned to notices posted on the lifeguard shed and in the August *Monterey News*.

Movie Night
On Saturday, August 6, at 8:30 p.m., come enjoy the family movie night at Greene Park. Share a night of candy, popcorn, and laughs with your family and friends at this totally free event sponsored by the parks commission. We will be showing *Madagascar* on a blowup screen in Greene Park's center field. (See ad on page 11.)

—Monterey Parks Commission

The Town

The *Monterey News* has now been lacking a town reporter for four issues. Last month's *The Town* was a recapitulation of the select board's approved meeting minutes. These minutes are readily available both on the town website or through automatic emails (MontereyMA.gov/subscriber).

We remain hopeful that someone with a strong connection to Monterey will consider becoming the town reporter. If you would like to explore the idea, please contact me, and we can begin a conversation.

—Stephen Moore, Editor
MontereyNews9@gmail.com

August "Monterey News" to be Late

The August issue of the *Monterey News* will not be available until later in the first week of August. Every effort has been made to gather and publish event listings through August 6. You will find events happening up to that date in the calendar, in the text of articles, and in some advertisements.

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Monterey Library News
Programs, Book and Plant Sale

Please note that the library will have expanded hours this summer. We're hoping you'll find it convenient that we'll be open Thursday mornings from 9 to 12:30 for July and August. We will still be open Thursday afternoons as well. Stop in and say hi to Rosemary, who is taking on this shift.

Reading for Ice Cream

We've launched our summer reading program. Children and teenagers are welcome to stop in and sign up to get a great free prize and instructions on how to earn Monterey General Store ice creams. Scott Cole has been very generous over the years in donating ice cream to encourage our young readers. Studies have shown that reading as few as four books in a summer can help maintain the reading levels of our children, so the library and the store are doing what they can to promote this good habit. This program is sponsored by our library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and the Boston Bruins.

More Library Hours in July and August—Thursday mornings, 9 to 12:30

Summer Programs

We also offer programming at 10:30 on Saturday mornings in July and the beginning of August. This year's lineup is amazing. Jim Snack on July 2, an extremely talented magician who had adults scratching their heads last year, is returning to challenge everyone again. Tom Seiling with his participatory songs that get the parents and the children up and moving around will be here on July 9. Mike Bent, a great comedy magician from the Boston area, will be here on July 16. On July 23 we'll tap into some local talent with Meredyth Babcock of Dr. Marmalade Puppets. Dr. Marmalade has been a longtime favorite in this area. We take a break for the book sale on July 30 but come anyway and browse the children's books. Then on August 6 another favorite who comes every few years to tell stories and sing, Mary Jo Maichack, will put your children and you in a great mood to start the weekend. All the programs start at 10:30 and last forty-five minutes to an hour. The Friends of the Monterey Library are our main sponsor, as well as the Monterey Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. (Cut out the ad on page 11.)

Book Sale

On Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to 1p.m., the Friends of the Monterey Library are having their annual book and plant sale. There is something for everyone. All ages, all genres, all different media. This is our major fundraiser, and volunteers have been working for months (since the last sale) to make it easy for you to find just the right book. Stop by and join the Friends of the Library.

If you'd like to volunteer to help set up or clean up, let us know at MontereyLibrary@gmail.com. We usually start with a session on Friday afternoon, get together on Saturday morning early, do much of the cleanup directly after the sale, and then some more on Monday afternoon. Any time you can spare to help is greatly appreciated. Myrna runs our plant sale and usually has annuals at great prices, but we also love any perennials you might have as surplus after dividing them. If you haven't divided your perennials lately—here's your motivation. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library who have been stellar in supplying our matching funds for the grant for our new building design. Of course, as we proceed, the need will become even greater, with expenses bound to pop up during construction. Please remember to have all book donations to the library by July 15 so we can have time to prepare them for the sale. Thank you in advance.

We also really need to thank the volunteers who run the Knox Gallery for the current show. Simply amazing. Julie Shapiro, MaryPaul Yates, and Libby Wolf are the committee, and, of course Mike Banner is the go-to person for hanging the shows. If you haven't stopped in yet to see it, you'll be really pleased when you do.

—Mark Makuc
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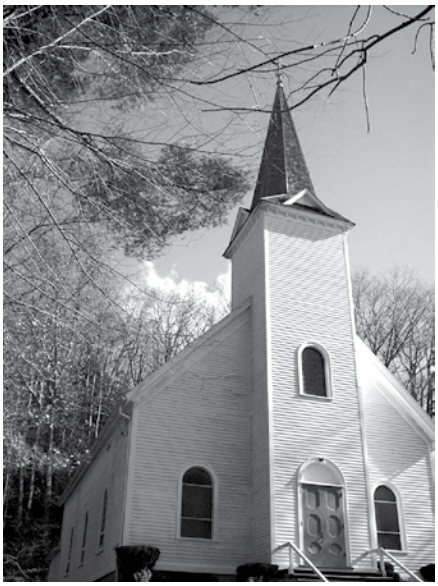
Immaculate Conception Church
150th Anniversary Celebration

Our Lady of the Hills Roman Catholic chapel will open on Saturday evening, July 2, at 7 for the vigil mass. There will be services every Saturday evening at that same time through July and August. Please consider a pilgrimage to this country chapel this summer.

Immaculate Conception church, located in the village of Mill River (at 74 Mill River-Great Barrington Road), which is part of the town of New Marlborough, is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. This is one of the older Catholic churches in the area that was built by the Irish who worked in the mills on the Konkapot River downstream. The church became a mission of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Sheffield, just as Our Lady of the Hills in Monterey did. Over the years, many families from Monterey have attended mass in Mill River and still do.

The festivities include a New Marlborough Historical Society presentation in the Meeting House on Route 57 in New Marlborough on Friday evening, August 5, at 7. Claudette Callahan, whom many of you know, will discuss the history of the church. On Sunday morning, August



Al Leonardson

7, at 10:30, a solemn pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by the most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski , Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, at the Immaculate Conception. There will be a complimentary luncheon to follow at the American Legion Hall in Sheffield. This is a special invitation to all from Monterey who have attended mass over the years, and to all who have never seen this historic church, to join in the celebration of mass. We hope to see you there.

—Mark and Mary Makuc

From the Tax Collector's Office

The tax collector's office will be closed on Tuesday, July 5.

The fiscal year 2017 real estate and personal property first quarter tax bills will be mailed on July 1 and are due August 1, 2016. If you do not receive your bill, please contact the tax collector's office (528-1443 x117).

These bills are preliminary and list the first two quarters based on last year's tax rate. You will receive another bill for the second quarter in October (due November 1). However, if you wish, you may pay both the first and second quarters now.

Once again, online payment from your checking account for current real estate and personal property bills is available at montereyma.gov for a minimal charge. Credit card payments are also accepted online for current bills. Please note that the credit card company will charge the taxpayer a fee for this service.

Credit cards are now accepted in the tax collector's office for payment of any bill. The card must be swiped in the tax collector's office, so this service is not available online or over the phone. Again, a fee will be assessed to the taxpayer for credit card payment.

Questions regarding personal property, assessments, or exemptions should be directed to the board of assessors at 528-1443 x115.

—Mari Enoch
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Suzanne Sawyer

On what was promising to be a rainy day, the Monterey Memorial Day parade and picnic-goers enjoyed a warm, sunny afternoon. The parade formed up before 1 p.m., with three school buses unloading the Mt. Everett School band at the end of Sandisfield Road. Folks were gathering at opportune spots all along the route down into the village and up the hill to the firehouse. While not a cast of thousands, there were a lot of people turned out to share community. Following the colors, and the select board, was a horde of young baseball players, no doubt eager to get to the hotdogs up the hill. They were followed by folks from Gould Farm, (including two momentarily well-behaved goats), Bidwell House Museum fans, people from Hume New England, the Monterey Fire Company, followed by the huge Mt. Everett marching band in their new uniforms. The band came to a halt in front of the store and meeting house and everyone listened as emcee Marc Gordon reminded everyone of the meaning of Memorial Day. The band played a few numbers, Shawna Sawyer played taps, and the entourage continued up the hill, followed by a stream of very patient drivers wanting to get on their way through the village. Up at the firehouse and pavillion, stacks of hotdogs and coolers of drinks were waiting, music streamed from the gazebo, and a good time was had by all.

Stephen Moore

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July at the Knox Gallery

David Bacharach has created an aviary in the Knox Gallery! *A Parliament of Owls, A Conspiracy of Ravens* opened on June 10, and will be on view through July 23. Several viewers have said that this is one of our best exhibits, so don't miss seeing it. Bacharach's discussion of his work at the opening reception, in which he described his techniques and inspirations, provoked interesting questions and was enthusiastically received.

Two interests inspired the artist's new body of work: wind-powered kinetic sculpture and the architectural beauty of insects, birds, and plants. He has exploited his expertise in traditional metalsmithing and basketry to further evolve his approach, combining recycled copper roofing and steel from fabricators' scrap piles into intricately detailed forms. For more information please see our article in the June *Monterey News* and the artist's website (bacharachmetals.com) Better yet, do come experience the exhibit.

In addition to being an artist, Bacharach is one of four collaborators who initiated and championed a new project to benefit the Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF.) The group put together *Craftspeople, In Their Own Words*, a book that chronicles the exhibiting crafts community and donates all profits to CERF. (See http://tinyurl.com/z6lwezm)

Bacharach and his wife, Debbie, are long-time friends of Michael and Maureen Banner; both the Banners and Bacharach, along with other artists who exhibited in national fine crafts shows for many years, are featured in this recentlyreleased book. CERF is a wonderful cooperative that provides grants to craftspeople under duress in order to help these artists continue working when unexpected circumstances result in damage to resources and loss of income. The fund has benefited those who have suffered studio fires, personal injuries, and natural disasters such as Katrina, The stories told and the photographs in this volume will engage any reader.

David Bacharach

After the annual Monterey Library book sale on July 30, we will install *Rediscovered and Reconsidered*, the sculpture of Anne Shatas and William Carlson, who are accomplished artists and residents of East Otis. Please put the opening reception and artists' talk on your calendars for Saturday, August 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.

All exhibits can be viewed during library hours. Knox Gallery, Monterey Library, 452 Main Road, Monterey, 528-3795; MontereyMassLibrary.org/Knox-Gallery; @Knox_Gallery on Twitter; Facebook.com/KnoxGallery.

—MaryPaul Yates

Council on Aging

Let's All Go Out to the Ballgame!

The council has arranged an outing to Wahconah Park (at 105 Wahconah Street, three blocks from Berkshire Medical Center) to watch the Pittsfield Suns play against the Seacoast Mavericks on Sunday, July 17, 2016. There will be a picnic under the tent along the right field line at 4 p.m. We'll have hamburgers, franks, chicken, pasta salad, watermelon, brownies and cold drinks. By 5 p.m. we'll be in the grandstand in reserved seats for the start of the game. This event is not just for seniors. There's plenty of room for extra people.

The cost is $10 per person payable to the Monterey Council on Aging by Wednesday morning, July 13. Join us at the park when the gates open at 3:30 p.m. The tickets will be ready at the box office. The theme of the day is "Star Wars." Expect some costumes.

Registration or questions: call 528-9151 or write to wpurcell@bcn.net.

Be a Bidwell House Singer

Do you enjoy singing with others? Come and meet with us and give singing rounds a try. We'll sing together for an hour outside the Monterey Community Center on Tuesday, July 5, at 4 p.m. Our hope is to sing for the annual Bidwell House Museum's gala on August 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. If you can't come to the gala, but would just like to sing with others, feel free to come anyway.

If you have questions, email Maggie Barkin at mbarkin@snet.net.

—Maggie Barkin

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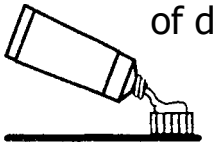
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Monterey General Store
Reception for Artist Harry Orlyk

The Monterey General Store is pleased to be hosting a reception with artist Harry Orlyk, whose paintings are currently being exhibited throughout the store. Perhaps you've already had a chance to view them. All are welcome to attend this event, Saturday, June 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Orlyk, who resides in Salem, New York, describes his process of painting his exquisite landscapes in oils on linen:

"A quarter-century of painting has been an act of the imagination to determine who and what I am with respect to the earth and sky. Process, rather than product oriented, searching for the daily painting, has become a way of living in relationship with the earth. To become a human being, a part of nature rather than someone separate observing it from the outside, like hunter-gatherers, I am led from one opportunity to the next, being directed by seasonal stages. The relationship has become the trust I give it to show me where my next painting will be. Each painting entails facing a swath of creation and observing something of its story, becomes a long log of small truths."

This work will be on display through August, 2016.

—Scott Cole

Steak Roast Time Again
Saturday, July 30

Tickets are now on sale for the Monterey Fire Company's annual steak roast on Saturday, July 30, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The steak roast draws more than seven hundred townspeople and summer visitors. In addition to the food—steaks, swordfish, assorted side dishes, salad, desserts, beer, wine, and soft drinks—there will be entertainment for the children as well as a live music.

Tickets are $30 in advance or $35 on the day of the event. Your advance purchase helps the Fire Company plan accurately and limit waste of the fundraiser dollars.

Tickets can be purchased in any of the following ways:

• from any Monterey firefighter,

• in downtown Monterey and at the transfer station on weekend mornings during July,

• on Wednesday evenings at the firehouse, 411 Main Road, from 7 to 9 p.m.,

• by calling 528-3136 (leave a message, someone will get back to you),

• or online at montereyfire.org

We look forward to everyone coming out for a great time, some excellent food, and the opportunity to help the fire company maintain our fire house.

—Monterey Fire Company

Appalachian Trail Free Hike
Beartown Hike and Picnic

Join us on Saturday, July 23, for the Fourth Annual Appalachian Trail Hike and Community Picnic at Benedict Pond, Beartown State Forest, Monterey, MA. There will be hikes leaving at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., followed by a community picnic at 5 p.m.

Did you know that Great Barrington is a designated Appalachian Trail Communit? Join DCR MassParks staff and Great Barrington Trails and Greenways partners to celebrate the Appalachian Trail (AT) in our community. Come learn what it's all about and connect with others in the trail community. There will be guided hikes for varying levels that will all end in time to join the picnic. Bring plenty of your favorite picnic food to share with hungry thru-hikers.

Registration is required for the hikes, and group size is limited. More detailed hike and event information at gbtrails.org. For information and registration, email: info@gbtrails.org, or call 528-0904.

This event is co-led by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Great Barrington Trails and Greenways in support of the Great Barrington Appalachian Trail Community, with additional sponsorship by DCR MassParks and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

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These programs are supported in part by a grant from the Sandisfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Monterey Community Center News

July 9, Yoga and Bees

Yoga—While the construction continues on the inside of the community center, there are some events coming up this month that will take place outside. On July 9, there are two exciting events. At 9:00, Connie Wilson will be leading an outdoor yoga class in some cooling postures for summer. Connie, who teaches chair yoga in Monterey, is also an instructor for yoga classes in Otis and other towns, as well as at Kripalu. Her class will be for mixed levels with modifications and variations for any level of ability. Beginners are most welcome to participate in this experience of mindful movement at a gentle and moderate pace. The class will last for one hour and any needed equipment will be provided. There will be a charge of $10 for the class, which Connie is generously donating to the community center. Come July 9 and practice yoga in the shade on the Community Center grounds.

Beekeeping—Then at 10:30, Russ Wilson, of Berkshire County Beekeepers, will show interested participants the beehives that have been set up at the community center. He will present the queens that have been born there and give Monterey residents a free sample of the honey that has been produced. We are very lucky to have these hives on the community center property and appreciate the work Russ has done to increase the population of these essential pollinators. (See his article on page 13.)

Septic System

The new water line from the Monterey Water Company system has been installed. However, it turns out that we were misled a few years ago by the septic system inspection we got; last week we discovered that the existing tank and system are in fact very old and not useable after all. To put in a new system is going to be an unanticipated costly step, but unavoidable. We won't be able to turn the water on until a new septic system can be installed. It is in progress now, as are various aspects of the renovation work. Come to one of the above events to take a look, or stop by any time.

—Laurie Shaw

Tag Sale—Last Reminder

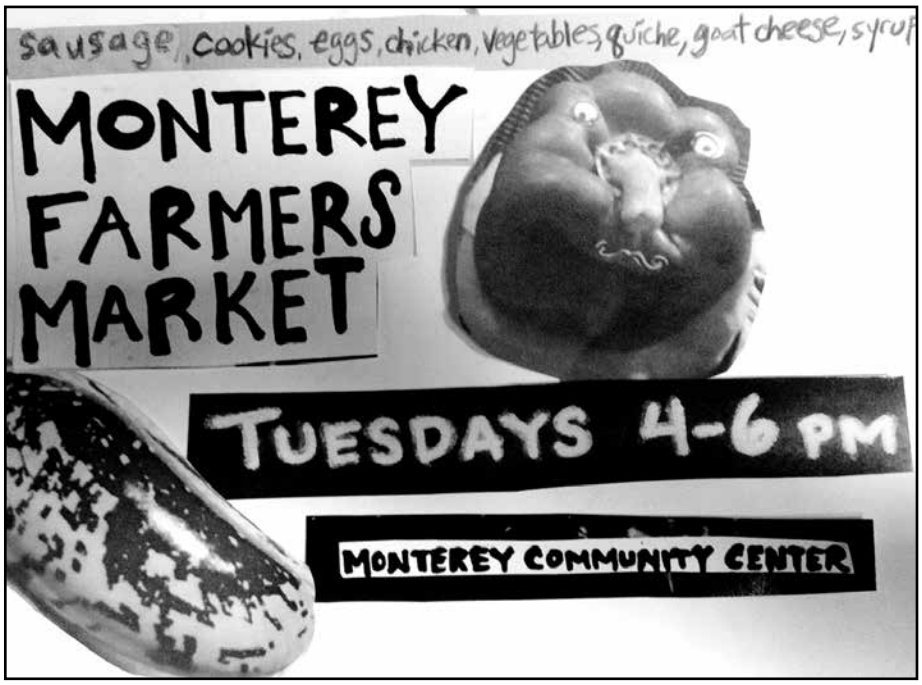
Our third annual Monterey town tag sale will take place on July 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the community center, 468 Main Road, at the corner of Main Road (Route 23) and New Marlboro Road.

This is the perfect time to consider looking through your attic, basement, and closets (something you've been thinking about doing for months, right?) Before bringing any "treasures" to the swap shack, please consider holding them for our sale. Every item is being considered unless in poor condition. You can drop them off under the large tent that we'll be erecting at the community center on July 7. (If you have books in good condition to donate, please take them to the Monterey Library so they can be sold at their book sale.)

And don't forget to attend yourself! We have had some wonderful items to choose from in the past—at truly irresistible prices. As you probably already know, all proceeds go toward the completion of our beautiful community center.

For more information, please call 528-9090 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

—Mryna Rosen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Endangered Species in the Lake

Dear Monterey Neighbors,

Last month I wrote a letter here about my visit to a Conservation Commission public hearing concerning a plan which included the use of herbicides in Lake Garfield. Herbicides had been banned three days earlier by vote at our annual town meeting. At that time the chemical in the plan was fluridone (Sonar). Now I have been to more meetings and learned that fluridone is out of the picture, as the plan ran into the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. I learned that the lake is a priority habitat for an endangered species that lives here. What is it? A polar bear, a little spotted owl? No, and how ironic: it is a pondweed.

The main point of the Friends of Lake Garfield's Lake Management Plan has been to do away with certain pondweeds,considered "invasive," undesirable, in the way of our rights to motorboat recreation and property values. Now there is a change to the plan because it turns out we have a protected plant, a "good" plant in the picture. It's still a pondweed, and if it were a much bigger presence, we might call it invasive, too. Right now it is called rare and endangered.

For the Management Plan, the Natural Heritage Endangered Species people have assigned a different chemical herbicide, one that kills dicots. The good and rare pondweed is a monocot, not a dicot. There are differences between them, and some classes of chemicals will kill one but not the other. During the Vietnam War, an herbicide called Agent Orange (it came in orange containers) was sprayed from the air to kill dicots. The idea was to get rid of tree foliage so gunners in planes could see the people they were shooting at. Agent Orange accomplished this, as well as other sorts of harm to human health, discovered later. The Lake Management Plan will switch now to triclopyr, which, like Agent Orange and some others, is a pyridine-based herbicide. These are used by some farmers growing corn, which is also monocot like our endangered pondweed. Put pyridines all over the cornfield and the corn will survive. A few familiar dicots not welcome in the cornfield will be killed off, like oak trees for instance, or like those canopy trees in Vietnam. Some people use triclopyr to kill woody and herbaceous dicot plants along roadways. In the lake, we have native plants and pondweeds that are dicots, like the invading pondweed (milfoil).

This is complicated, chemical, and botanical. There is a botanist on the job now, referred to at the selectboard meeting of June 20 as the "new biologist." Her job is spelled out in a letter from the Natural Heritage people to the conservation commission which anyone can get and read. Most of us don't know what is a monocot and what's a dicot. We could ask a biologist or look in our old botany books. Water lilies, for instance, are dicots. They are "broad-leafed" plants like the oaks around here and the trees in Vietnam, and they will be targeted by this triclopyr. Maybe they will be collateral damage in the fight, like the forests of Southeast Asia. What does anyone know about animals swimming in the water, gulping a little down? Some chemical pals have turned out to be bad friends. Maybe there's a better way to roust out unpopular plants.

—Bonner McAllester

Correction

In last month's *The Town,* based on select board minutes, it was reported that Jennifer Brown, our town clerk and town treasurer, was not having regular times in the office. This is incorrect. She is in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays ,and by appointment. She can be reached at 528-1443 x113 or x112 on any of those days.

Also, she is seeking applicants for Assistant Town Treasurer and Assistant Town Clerk.

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Profile: Council on Aging

The Council on Aging is an appointed town council. It identifies the needs of the disabled, people over sixty, and children with guardians who need medical attention, with a focus on keeping the path through aging smooth and social. It works with the town police department and strives to be a social spot that's nice and informal. They also work with similar organizations in New Marlborough, Otis, and Great Barrington. The council was organized in 1973. Early-on there were social events, the Amidons sold daffodils from the porch of the general store to benefit the cancer society, there was volunteer transportation, and some advocacy. It became more than a social group a couple of years ago when ten people gathered for coffee hour after a sixteen-inch snowstorm. The five-member board, currently chaired by Kay Purcell, includes Norma Champigny, Ruth Champigny, Linda Hebert, and Julio Rodriquez. Four of the five members have nursing backgrounds.

As the area's population has aged, there are greater needs in all areas, from the need for a broader service network to more individual care. The members are attending training, finding new resources, and working to network more within the town and the county, including with surrounding town councils and with the Great Barrington Senior Center

Kay Purcell said that from a public relations standpoint, there is a downside. Sometimes it's hard to get in contact with the people or families who could use the Council on Aging services. It is also challenging to get information that would be useful out into the community. It's likely that an outreach worker will be coming from a program in Great Barrington to help.

When asked what she likes about being involved with the council, she said the people are fun and part of living in a small town is the concept of "ask and you shall receive." Even though she now realizes that being involved in the council is more time-consuming than she first anticipated, she likes it, and with her background of community networking and social service, it seems to be a good fit. She said she has a preference for neighbors over agencies, which fits well with her ideas for council's future.

Purcell has two ideas for groups that would branch off from the council. One is Friendly Visitors. This group would help neighbors of elderly folks develop friendships with them and check in on them every so often. The second group would be the Friends of the Council on Aging ,which could be a nonprofit able to accept tax-deductible contributions (similar to the Friends of the Library). It would be separate, unlike Friendly Visitors, but it would be supportive of the council and their activities.

During this past winter the council began a Tuesday afternoon weekly card group at town hall. There have been gatherings at the Barrington Brewery for meals. The council also hosts trips. Past ones have included ballgames in Pittsfield, the Clark Museum, the Erie Canal and, recently, to the Hill-stead Museum in Farmington, CT.

The next trip is to go to a Pittsfield Suns game on July 17. There will be a picnic lunch included in that event. (See page 7 with more information about this event or to contact the Council on Aging.)

—Essy Dean

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July 9: Tom Seiling: Singer/Guitarist—Search "Singer Tom Seiling" on youtube.com

July 16: Mike Bent: Magician—abrakidabra.com

July 23: Meredyth Babcock: Dr. Marmalade Puppet Show, marmaladeproductions.com

July 30: Book Sale: Children's Books Available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

August 6: Mary Jo Maichack: Singer/Storyteller, maryjomaichack.com

Programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Monterey Library, and in part by a grant from the Monterey Cultural Council.

From the Meetinghouse

No Mud, No Lotus

"No mud, no lotus." Centuries ago the saying began to flourish in parts of the world where the plant itself was common, places where everyone knew that the first necessary ingredient for beautiful lotus flowers was a pond where the plant could root. And the first requirement for a good lotus pond? Mud. Deep, rich, stinking-with-vital-decomposition mud. No mud, no stems, leaves, flowers; no lotus life cycle. No mud, goodbye to lotus's sweet fragrance in the air.

It may have started as simple gardening lore, but soon the sentence became a metaphor to live by. The kids are acting up, the teens and elders are acting out? Locusts are chewing on the green beans? Your hay fever's acting up? Welcome to Life 101: "no mud, no lotus."

And this month hosts both major parties' national conventions, events which just might generate a fair amount of mud slinging. That's a contagious activity, something like measles. Unlike measles, though, a one-time bout of mud slinging doesn't immunize the slinger. Immunization against mud slinging becoming a chronic illness has to be consciously sought after, even pursued. For me, that's where No mud, no lotus comes in.

It's not that I'm suggesting we all need to keep our white gloves sparking clean. I'm suggesting that nobody's white gloves are that clean, and nobody's white gloves are completely filthy. I'm suggesting that we're all groping around in the mud, each one trying to cultivate a lotus patch. Your side, my side, their side, and our side—all of us—and there's plenty of mud to go around. Instead of slinging it at someone else, or condemning someone else for slinging it back, we might use it to root a little more of what our country so deeply needs right now: more loving kindness toward ourselves and each other.

No mud, no lotus. It's a talisman for me. Sometimes I roll my eyes and laugh while I say it. Sometimes it helps me stay in the room while political fur flies on TV, or in conversation. Maybe it'll help you get through this month, too.

—Mary Kate Jordan

No mud, no lotus. It's an old Buddhist saying, and it loses a lot in translation if you've never seen a lotus in flower, or smelled its living fragrance. The best I can do for any of you living with that lack is this photo of a lotus pond near Kingston, Rhode Island.

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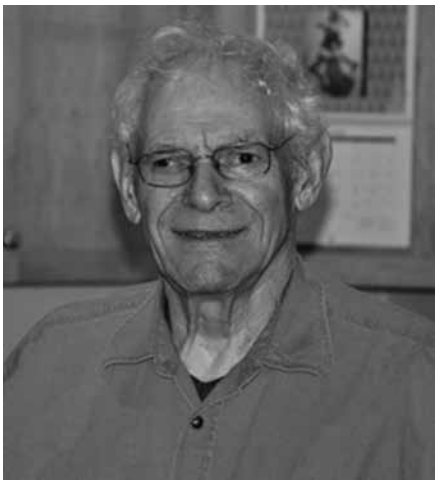

Donald Amstead, Jr., 80, of Fox Hill Road, Monterey, died peacefully on Sunday, June 5, at Fairview Commons Nursing Home surrounded by his family.

Don was born in Great Barrington in December 1935, to Donald Amstead, Sr. and Edna Soldati Amstead. He attended the Corashire Center School in Monterey and graduated from Searles High School in 1955. He served in the National Guard from 1958 to 1964. He and Patricia Ann Oates married in 1960 and were happily married for fifty-four years. Don and Patsy raised their five children in Monterey.

Donald retired in 2001 after many years as highway superintendent for the Town of Monterey. Prior to working for the town, he worked alongside his father, operating the sawmill and logging; at Charles Wyman's saw mill; worked surveying with Brown & Associates; was employed by Hebert Construction; and worked as a carpenter with Roy Wilkinson.

He enjoyed traveling to Vermont, Maine, and Canada with their camper, taking pictures of nature, telling stories, and spending time with family. He lived life to the fullest.

Donald is survived by his five children: Mark Amstead and his wife Theresa of Monterey; Keith Amstead and his partner, Karen Camp Zigmand, of Sheffield; Glen Amstead of Monterey; Scott Amstead and his fiance, Vonda Kowalczyk, of Monterey; and Jill Hughes and her husband, Tim, of North Egremont. He will be missed by his seven grandchildren: Taylor, Cody, Molly, Mitchell, Matthew, and Cheyenne Amstead, and Caitlin Hughes. He had one great-grandson, Jordan Little, and another one on the way. His sister, Barbara Thorpe, still lives in Great Barrington, and his faithful canine companion, Mindy, will have to find her way without him. He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia, and by his brother, Bruce Amstead.

A service celebrating his life was held on Monday, June 13, conducted by Rev. Liz Goodman.

Donations in Donald's memory may be made to The Berkshire Humane Society through Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main St., Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Bees Across Massachusetts
Community Center Hives

Bees Across Massachusetts is a honeybee project dedicated to research and community education while assisting new beekeepers through classes and workshops in Berkshire County. We are also working to provide established beekeepers with northern-raised queens, nucleus colonies, and splits with proven overwintering and hygienic traits, and to provide free honey for communities to enjoy.

Presently there are thirty-six hives stretching from Berkshire School in Sheffield north to Sheep Hill in Williamstown, following the Route 7 corridor, for a total of over fifty miles. My goal over the next eight years is to continue from Williamstown going east and ending in Boston near the State house, for a distance of an additional 130 miles.

On June 5 and 6 the first northern queens were born at the Monterey Community Center. They will lead colonies in north county while spreading their genetics, making our honeybee population stronger and more diverse in Berkshire County

If you would like to see these new queens in observation hives and receive free honey, please come on the morning of July 9 between 10:30 and 11:30.

Due to limited supply, honey will only be available to Monterey-resident households. To receive honey, email Russ Wilson before July 7 at beesacrossmassachusetts@gmail.com

—Russ Wilson

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Telling Our Stories

The grill was fired up just outside the library, Justin Makuc toasted the marshmallows, we made s'mores, and munched away listening to some really fun stories of summers in Monterey.

Starting off the evening was John "Pip" Camp recalling tales of being a lifeguard at the Monterey public beach from 1965 to 1967. It was a very different beach then as the road and new dam weren't constructed until 1972. He also talked about the teenagers who became good friends and had great adventures, and sadly some of whom have passed too soon.

What was really amazing was to find out that his great-grandparents arrived in Monterey in the summer of 1909. So that makes John fourth-generation here, with his kids, nieces and nephews as the fifth, and the grandkids as sixth-generation Montereans. Pip has found family albums with photographs of Lake Garfield from over a century ago. We will host another evening this summer, and Pip will bring the photo albums for all of us to look over.

Lifeguard John "Pip" Camp

The evening's finale was Mary Makuc and her kids sitting around the table laughing as they told stories of many summers of fun times, including giving tours at the Bidwell House Museum.

In July: Calling All Campers and Counselors: Summer Stories Continue.

Did you go to summer camp here? Did your children go to camp and is that what brought you here? Do you have stories to share about summers in Monterey?

Join us Monday, July 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Monterey Library.

These evenings are part of the ongoing project to record and preserve our town's history through storytelling.

—Wendy Germain

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Monterey Graduate
Hannah Mulvey

Monument Mountain High School, located in Great Barrington, held a commencement ceremony on June 5, at Tanglewood in Lenox. Among the Monument graduates were a few from Monterey. The following profile shows just a brief snapshot of one senior's future plans and high school highlights.

Hannah Mulvey is the daughter of Shannon and Lynda Mulvey of Monterey. Hannah will be attending Keene State College in New Hampshire this fall. Although she is going into Keene State with an undeclared major, she hopes to meet her interests in computer science and psychology. Hannah also has a love for special education—a program that she spent a lot of time with during high school, and would like to pursue throughout college. She also plans to study abroad during her time at Keene State.

While at Monument, Hannah was on the co-op crew team with Lenox High School and plans to continue to row when she returns to the Berkshires during college vacations. Hannah believes that growing up in Monterey with her best friends has shaped who she is today. She has been very happy to grow up here and knows she will appreciate Monterey even more when she returns from school.

Do you know of any other Monterey high school seniors that graduated this spring? Contact Marya Makuc at makuc.marya@gmail.com to include a profile for the August issue.

—Marya Makuc

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She said, "Look for small miracles."
And I have—
Between the tides of grief and the rage of change—
Clear, distinct miracles have
made their way through.
And I marvel how they revive me,
and instill hope,
Once again.

—Melinda Olds
August 1996

Havoc and Foxgloves in Paradise

We might be caught deaf and blind
by a two-hundred and
fifty-mile-an-hour whirlwind,
wreaking havoc in paradise,
waking up the state of mind.
But let no man nor romance
say we missed the foxgloves,
or failed this fleeting chance
to be with friends and share
a bowl of blossoming circumstance.

—Richard Zukowski
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Boys and Girls up the Same Tree: White Pines

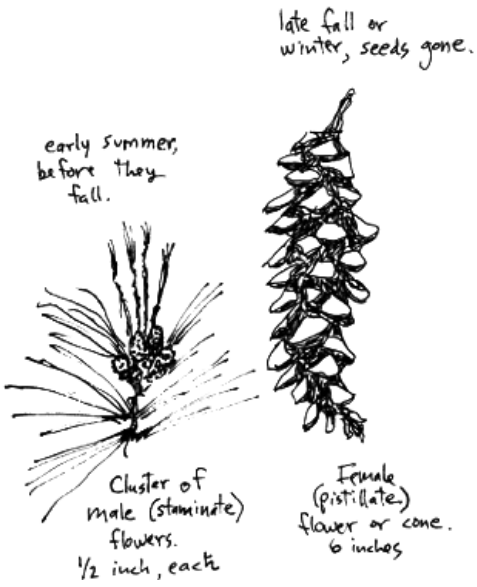
Some folks out with binoculars are looking at the numbers on the ear tags of black bears. Others look to see if that is one of the neighborly bluebirds, holding still on an apple branch, well-hidden by the sudden coming of a ton of green leaves. Some of us are keeping an eye on the white pines for our own reasons.

Here we live close to white pines, maybe too close we sometimes think, when the wind picks up. Those little trees were just pals when we cleared the house site forty years back. We were young, they were young. Now all of us are a little older and they are a very lot bigger. Some years back they reached their reproductive age. We had kids around here of both species. Some stayed, some dispersed. For the pines, dispersal depends upon wind, water, and animals. For us folks, I still can't understand why the kids leave. Maybe it's the wind for them, too.

When plants get ready, most of them put out flowers. In some cases, each flower has male and female business right inside the same blossom. In botany class, when you have a quiz coming, you have to remember words like anther, stamen, pistil. These are not words we animals use personally to keep straight male and female items. We know about sperm and egg, and that's about it for the zoology quiz. But plants have always been more interesting than us and you have to know your way around the glossary, even to look up something about a white pine.

White pines are *monoecious*, a word we don't often use. We do know what *mono* is, but *oecious*? This is Greek, and comes from *oikos* which means house. Some taxonomist took a close look at white pines and put them into the group of plants that have one house. In that one house, or one individual tree, the members of this group have got male flowers and female ones. Both are present, and they are separate from each other. It sounds like our co-ed dorm in the late sixties in college: boys and girls in the same dorm, but in different rooms. With us it was theoretical and not enforced, but with the pines it is for real.

The male flowers, or staminate ones, show up in June and are hard to see. For one thing, they are small. For another, they are way, way up there on the tree, so you do need binoculars. You also have to know what you are looking for, because in spring the pines have more than just sex swinging into action. They are growing! The new growth, at the tip of every branch, looks very different from the dark green needles we have been so used to seeing. New growth is pale, yellow, flexible. My dad called these growing tips "candles," and they look like those traditional Christmas trees with brightly lit candles clipped onto their branches. Maybe the solstice celebrants were recreating spring in dead of winter, putting new-growth candles on their evergreens and lighting them to drive the cold winter away.


late fall or winter, seeds gone.
early summer, before they fall.
Cluster of male (staminate) flowers. 1/2 inch, each
Female (pistillate) flower or cone. 6 inches

Now the trees give it to us for real, and at the bases of these candles, way up high on the mature trees, little male flowers sprout. They look like tiny yellow cones, really, and by mid-June they are putting out yellow pollen that we notice on the path, the deck, the surface of the lake, everywhere. The car. Wind takes the pollen and some of it gets to the pistillate flowers on the pines, also very high up on a tree. These are hard to spot, small, green, a little curved like a scimitar. It's hard to believe that once fertilized with pollen they will grow like mad, get to be six inches long, turn woody and covered with pitch. On a clear, dry morning the scales will open and release the seeds, each one fitted with a thin wing, ready to take to the air. It is dispersal time and no mother/father pine wants all its babies to drop to the shady ground right near the home house. There is no future in this when you are a green plant headed up for the sun; also the ground where you live has to be able to feed you, not you and hundreds of your babies or siblings all at once.

I have been scanning the tops of the white pines around here for years, about eight years, looking for cones. When they have sent out their seeds and done their job, they hang on the tree awhile, woody and brown and easy to spot. Then they fall to the ground. I like to collect them in bags for starting the fire in winter. I have even decorated paper bags with ribbons and a pasted-on natural history essay to make winter presents of these "Sticky Starters." It has been all these eight years since I found any long, woody pinecones around here. I've been worrying about the pines. Plenty of youngsters have still been coming along in our upper pasture, but not the brand-new teeny one-story seedlings. These are about three inches tall and have one burst of little green needles right at the top, like a minipalm tree or parasol or fireworks display.

This year, a month or so ago, I was reading in Thoreau's journal about his seeing the short, spent red staminate (male) flowers on the ground around Concord in mid-June, 1852. I sighed over that. I wished I thought I would see any. I continued scanning the treetops.

All of a sudden I realized the pollen was upon us, the boys were in position and at work up there, and the little green girls were hanging on branches of the same trees. This year the co-ed pine dorms are occupied again, and busy as ever. I don't know why we had such a long hiatus here, I just know it is over for now. Many another creatures besides me will be glad. Lots of birds, three kinds of squirrels, white-footed mice.

The pine crop looks good so far. I can't drop all my years of worry quite so fast, but Dad, who taught us about the pine candles when we were kids, also taught us to "emphasize the good things."

—Bonner McAllester

We'll Miss Carol Husten

Early in June, Monterey lost one of its most loyal and loved second-home owners, Carol Husten, who had made a home here for the past twenty-seven years. You surely have seen Carol, getting a late breakfast at the general store, or playing tennis on the Hupi Circle courts. You probably saw her at the lake, swimming out to the island in Lake Garfield, or playing fierce bridge on the beach. Carol loved Monterey, brought many others to live here, opened her home endlessly to friends and family with delicious food, stories, and fun.

Carol had been vigorous and athletic all her life, until almost three years ago when she experienced a difficult illness that affected her heart. We watched this strong woman struggle and become frail, yet she always fought to stay active and engaged. Recently she seemed to regain some strength. From her Brooklyn home she continued her activism for peace and justice with the NYC Grannies Peace Brigade, and Peace Action of New York State. She was a generous contributor to the causes she believed in, and was also a frontline activist and strategist for the ideals she pursued.

Carol returned to Monterey this May, intending again to spend the next six months

here, busy at once getting her amazing garden to full beauty, and her home ready for visitors. She regularly went to the therapy pool at the Berkshire South Community Center in an effort to keep up her strength, but after her last swim, her heart began to fail, and she died the following day, at age 84, at the Berkshire Medical Center.

Julio and I were driving to Montana when friends called and told us that Carol had died. It was shocking and unreal. The radio soon was filled with stories of another death, the death of Muhammed Ali. My numb grieving thoughts soon jumped to the image of our Carol as a fighter like Ali. You could always count on Carol going straight to the heart of the matter, straight for the truth, no matter the cost—one tough cookie, we'd say— principled, and deeply committed to justice. Carol remained a fighter for peace all her life—like Ali, she packed a punch—she took on difficult issues. She worked hard to organize conversations surrounding Israel's relationship to peace and their military occupations. She knew that war was no answer.

But for me, and other friends and family of Carol, the biggest loss is of Carol as a friend. She had a ready laugh and expected life to be filled with fun. She dressed as if celebrating life. She was generous to a fault but also watched her spending. I was arrested with Carol in NYC in 2005, when we, with sixteen other older women tried to enlist at the army recruitment center in Times Square. We were protesting the loss of life by young troops for a war our nation never should have fought. We were arrested after we sat down when we found the door locked so we could not enlist. If you ever have to be arrested, it should be with someone like Carol—gutsy, funny, and able to charm the handsome young cops jailing us into bringing cold cokes, and lots of sympathy.

Widowed at a very young age, Carol raised her children, Larry and Amy, singlehandedly. She learned how to support herself, ran her father's business after his untimely death, and then turned to teaching in NYC schools. As a teacher, she became a mentor to younger teachers. She also formed lifelong friendships with people who now live in Monterey. After retiring as a teacher, Carol became a savvy investor in Brooklyn real estate. She was determined to be more than good, to be excellent, at whatever she put her hand to.

If you'd like to make a donation in Carol's memory, the family requests that contributions be given to Peace Action Fund of New York State, PO Box 3357, Church Street Station, NY, NY, 10008.

—Pat Salomon

Is there someone you would like to introduce to the town? Write a profile of her or him, and send it to MontereyNews9@gmail.com, or P.O. Box 9.

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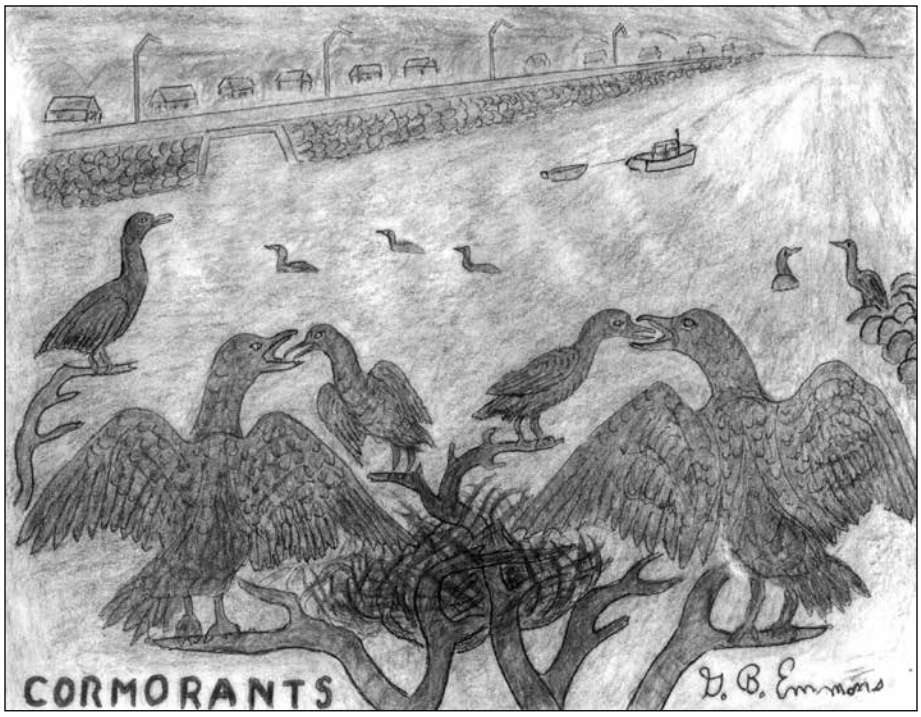
Cormorants



The cormorant is classified as a sea bird along with the albatross, penguin, and tern. Each is a specialized living proof of Darwin's adaptation of species to roam the waters of the world. The cormorant, for example, is able to drink salt water and fly underwater with elliptical wings, waterproof feathers, and a streamlined body propelled by webbed feet. Their population has increased dramatically since DDT and other toxic chemicals were banned in 1970. Darwin in his Pacific journey to the Galapagos Islands found that the cormorants there had become flightless, like the penguin. In Japan cormorants have been trained for over a thousand years to dive and retrieve fish for human consumption. Their necks are partially tied to prevent them from swallowing larger fish, which they are then made to deliver to the fishermen.

Buzzards Bay is a summer haven for the migratory cormorant, with many miles of coastline and causeways connecting rocky shore lines like from Sconticutt Neck to West Island, as in my drawing. Boaters coming into port see them as sentinels standing on channel markers, guarding the mouth of harbors, loafing in the sunlight to dry their feathers. They preen themselves by taking oils from a gland near their tails, using their extremely flexible necks. Their nests are often elevated platforms in a tree near the water's edge, where both parents incubate and feed the young with bits of fish regurgitated into their mouths.

Incubation of each egg begins as soon as it is laid, so hatching is spaced out, resulting in size differences among chicks. Due to the chicks' competition for nourishment, often only two chicks grow to maturity, "survival of the fittest" at an early age. (In species that begin incubation immediately, the late chicks are sometimes referred to as "insurance chicks" against the loss of the older chicks.) Cormorants, like many other sea birds, congregate in large numbers in colonies at the same sites for generations. The accumulation of their guano, which contains a poison detrimental to trees and vegetation, can result in blighted property, loss of value for recreational use, and may deter other nesting birds.

In recent years studies have been launched to assess environmental impact of the cormorants. In high numbers they can be detrimental to the conservation of seasonal schooling fish such as alewife, gizzard shad, and yellow perch. They may also carry the viral Newcastle disease, which can cause an influenza-type condition in both wild and domesticated bird populations. In 1999 regulations to control their population were authorized by permit in twenty-four states and Native American tribes.

Today the closest freshwater cousin to the cormorant is the loon which, unlike the cormorant, migrates in winter to oceans, loses its distinctive white and black patterns, and develops a salty-colored plummage. It is my educated guess, from reading Darwin's *Origin of Species*, that even partial underwater habitat and food supply helped these birds, which are slow moving on land, avoid terrestrial extinction.

The cormorant now joins the other subjects of my articles and drawings, such as the mountain lion, rattlesnake, turkey buzzard, rainbow trout, and spider. It is my native belief that every living thing on Earth is sacred.

—George B. Emmons

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Who's Who
Kay Purcell

I met with Kay Purcell on an early June morning. We sat in the open space of the town hall on the other side of the stairs from the meeting room. Throughout our conversation, there was the dull hum of a finance meeting coming from the end of the hall.

Purcell has lived in Monterey at least part-time since 1969. She discovered Monterey because her sister-in-law summered here. The town seemed like a good fit because Purcell worked in New York City and she had several relatives in Albany and a family log cabin in Putnam County where the family farmed. She also liked the quiet and relaxing atmosphere and the privacy of Monterey, though she's now close with her neighbors.

While she lived in the Bronx, she began working with her neighbors in different ways, including defining their needs and writing statements for social projects and grants to form a bond of community. Working in this manner is something that's helped her in her job with the Council on Aging during the past couple of years in Monterey.

In 1975, Kay made Monterey her permanent home. She previously worked as a nurse both in New York City and at Berkshire Medical Center for several years. While she was a nurse, she worked in psychology,

Essy Dean

maternity, and addiction. Her involvement in three different areas opened her up to people and their needs at all ages. This has also helped her identify the needs of different ages, because though the council is mainly focused on the elderly, the bus service they provide is also available to children provided a parent or guardian is present.

When she's not working on projects for the council, she enjoys quilting, traveling, gardening, and spending time with her seven grandkids. Her family is important to her, so she likes that she has family both in NYC and Southfield, and she also researches her family history.

Purcell's mother came from a large family, and the Purcells had five children of their own, resulting in family picnics that can have one hundred guests.

Her husband, Bill, liked country music, so there have been many trips to Tanglewood and lots of music in general. He was also a member of the New York Fire Department for twenty-five years and an engineer with the ABC television network for nearly ten.

The Purcells bought their first sailboat in 1977, when all their children proved they could swim. It became something the whole family enjoyed doing together. Kay and Bill made the decision to cut back on work and sail. She said that was the best decision. The adventure, fun, and sights were much more fun than if they had waited until retirement, because Bill died in August 2006 from lung cancer at age sixty-nine.

Their first trip in 1988 was from New York to the Florida Keys. They enjoyed living onboard for six months, so they bought another boat and between 1992 and 2003, they sailed from Maine to the Bahamas four times. Kay has stayed in touch with many of the people she met.

Kay said, "The sailing world is similar to Monterey in that it's quiet, you can be alone or join up with others. Privacy is respected, but if there appears to be trouble, others will appear. People are friendly and helpful, and the scenery is beautiful." They sold their boat in 2003, but have kept ahold of the memories of the time they spent on the ocean.

If you're going to Otis, there's a marsh on the north side of Route 23 that reminds Kay of moving slowly through "marshes in Georgia, and poking slowly through the tall grass to find safe anchorage for the night. Peaceful sleeping there too."

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Bidwell House Museum

Township No. 1 Day, on July 2

Township No. 1 Day, the free community celebration of Tyringham and Monterey history, is taking place this year on Saturday, July 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited. Fun events are planned for the whole afternoon:

- Live music by local musicians, including Bonner McAllester and Joe Baker
- Crafts, games, and face-painting for kids
- A baking contest, this year competing for best cookies, cakes, and pies
- History talks
- Food and drink
- Craft demonstrations
- And much more!

Bring your friends to spend a fun afternoon at the Bidwell House Museum on Art School Road. Enter a pie, cookies, or cake in the contest. All events are free, thanks in part to the support of a grant from the Monterey and Tyringham Cultural Councils and a fantastic group of volunteers. For more information, please call 528-6888.
(Please note: the museum is closed for tours this day.)

The Bidwell House is the Berkshire's colonial history museum, the original parsonage and meeting house of Township No. 1, now Tyringham and Monterey. With over 190 acres of field, forest, heritage gardens, and a diverse collection of colonial-era objects, the museum portrays life from the perspective of the Bidwell family, who lived here from the 1750s to the 1850s.

The Bidwell House Museum is located at 100 Art School Road, Monterey, MA. For reservations or more information on the program, please contact bidwelleducation@gmail.com, or go to the events page at bidwellhousemuseum.org.

Transfer Station Summer Hours

Sunday	10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Bidwell Museum in July

The Bidwell House Museum presents a 2016 craft workshop series on homesteading skills and wilderness awareness pertaining to the colonial era.

Woven Roots Farm in Tyringham

On Saturday, July 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., the Bidwell House is offering a free public program on "A Tyringham Valley Homestead," featuring Jen Salinetti of Woven Roots Farm. Participants will learn about life on a colonial homestead as well as twenty-first century agricultural practices, exploring the symbiotic relationship between families and their landscape. Please pre-register online.

Plant Dyes and Fibers Workshop

On Saturday, July 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Bidwell House is offering an outdoor craft workshop on plant dyes and fibers. Participants will be introduced to dyeing of skeins with plant-based pigments. The group will also make cordage from dogbane, milkweed, and nettle, and practice using a drop-spindle. A family-friendly event. Bring a bag lunch. Members: $10. Non-members: $15. Admission to the museum is included in program cost. Please pre-register online.

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Bidwell History Talk

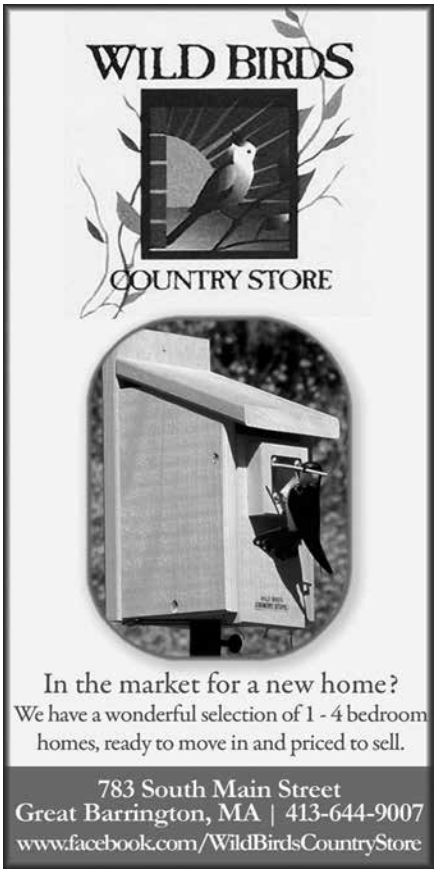
July 30: Historic Landscapes

Memory Places: Rethinking Historic Landscapes in Native American and Colonial New England

On Saturday, July 30, at 10 a.m. Christine M. DeLucia, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at Mount Holyoke College, will give a talk about the significance of place.

A sense of place was integral to Native Americans, and also to colonists who entered into this ancient terrain with aspirations for new societies. Swamps, freshwater springs, cliffs, woodland paths, and homesites signified different things to these communities, leading to tension or outright conflict. DeLucia connects landscapes of today's Northeast with much deeper pasts, and uses the concept of collective memory to explore alternative understandings of the grounds and material traces around us.

Bidwell House Museum history talks are held at Tyringham Union Church, Main Road, Tyringham, at 10 a.m. $15 per person, $10 for members of the museum.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Breaking and Entering
A Book by Rev. Liz Goodman

Liz Goodman has been the minister of our small but lively Monterey Church since 2001. Over that time, she has preached a lot of sermons (do the math). Those of us who attend services are familiar by now not only with the extravagantly warm welcome Liz and our little church extend to any and all who walk through those doors, but also with the fact that we've better had our coffee by 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, because the sermon is bound to be challenging, relevant, and moving—and we are almost certain to learn something new and unexpected.

Lucky for us, and also for everyone who may not have the chance to come to church, Liz has just come out with a new book: *Breaking and Entering: Unexpected Sermons for an Unfinished World*. Think of it as her greatest hits. A book release party and reading is planned for 4 p.m. on July 9 at the Monterey General Store, and everyone is invited to come celebrate this exciting publication that is rooted right here in the center of our Monterey community. In the meantime, I caught up with Liz to ask her a few questions about her new book.

—Hannah Fries

Hannah Fries: Fifteen years is a long time for a pastor to stay on at a church, let alone her first church. What brought you to Monterey, and what keeps you here in this church and community?

Liz Goodman: I came to the Berkshires because my husband, Jesse, was to be a psychiatrist at Austen Riggs. We found a little house in Lenox and I began what I thought would be a tough search for a church, mailing out a letter to every UCC congregation in the county to let them know I was here. In the meantime, I took a job teaching English at Berkshire Country Day School. But the pastor of the congregation here in Monterey was planning to leave and got in touch to say as much. Would I want to come lead worship sometime and to see whether it might also be a good long-term fit?

Fifteen years ago that was. So to her question, I said, "Yes—yes, I'll come; and yes, I'll stay." It's actually that simple. This feels like a good fit, a place where my flourishing and the congregation's flourishing seem to go hand-in-hand.

HF: Your book has an intriguing title. What does it refer to? What do you mean by an "unfinished world"?

LG: People often believe that the Christian life is about "getting into heaven." But I think it's as much about getting heaven into the world. "Let us in! Let us in!" we might assume people in church are praying. But maybe that voice is God saying, "Lemme out!" God's reality of abundant life, of hope and love, is breaking into the world, invading this existence—which we might see as a closed system. It's not.

The Christian life, then, to my mind, is about witnessing to this fact, that God (the creative force and coherent mind, the generative heart whose way is love) is active and at work in the world—this realm that might otherwise be Westeros or Gotham or Berlin after the war or Hiroshima after the bomb or Chernobyl after the meltdown or Ferguson after Michael Brown. What's more, we're invited to work on behalf of this good news—that our witness isn't mere watching, but participating. Clearly, this isn't something done only at church and only by church-people. God isn't so limited as that. But church is a good way to learn more and be sustained by the spirit that sustains us all. Preaching is my main way of participating in that.

As to an unfinished world, I think it goes without saying that something here in this world is a little off. Naming that, understanding that, has always been a challenge. One way the Bible understands it is that the world isn't finished. In the Gospel of John, there's no seventh day in the creation story; God hasn't yet rested. It's God's work in time, and it's our work too—to finish, to complete, to heal, to perfect. But, like building a cathedral, it isn't work that any one worker will see done in his or her lifetime. You just do your part in the hope and faith that one day it will be complete and it will be beautiful.

HF: Though your book is a collection of sermons, it reads much like a collection of

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essays that happen to be sermons. Could you say a little bit about how you approach the sermon as a form and an art?
LG: I've always been a writer. My first "book" was something I wrote when I was five years old, which is to say, writing is how I played as a child. (Now that I'm a mother, I see how profound, and profoundly self-expressive, play is.) Then my major in college was writing. And then, after trying my hand at the writing life for a few years, I felt a call to divinity school where I discovered my true language and my people.

As to the sermon as a form: it's incredibly open and flexible. I suppose most basically the sermon is a piece of rhetoric that expounds on holy writ and moves the hearer to some sort of decision—which is to say it's not neutral as the other forms might be.

But, to be honest, I've been rethinking that. When I write a short story (which I still do from time to time) I'm not merely asking my reader to look at these people in this situation and watch them go. I'm asking my reader to consider them, to let them in, to feel for them—or against them, as the case may be. In a sermon, I'm asking for the same level of deep consideration. Now, when I say, "I'm asking…" I should clarify that I include myself among the hearers. When I start writing a sermon, I nearly never know where it's going or how it will end. I'm not in control of it. I haven't reached its conclusion. I'm listening to it as much as I'm writing it.

HF: You often bring current events and issues into your sermons, even though you may be discussing scripture that is thousands of years old. How do you bring these elements into conversation with each other?
LG: It's not difficult, I'll tell you. When you really consider the biblical stories in their full depth and mystery—with all the skepticism of a scholar and all the loving faithfulness of a monk and all the imaginative humanism of a writer or reader of literature—you can't help but to see the relevance. "The more things change…" Well, it's true!

Empires rise and fall, kings reign and are killed off, people come together in "solidarity" and then are pulled apart by conflict and then come together again by deciding who caused the conflict and getting rid of them. People fear and cast out; they trust and procreate; they plant and pull up. Really, all I can say is that, as I get to know the Bible better and better, I can better understand and explain the world in which we all live.

When I first started here, Dick Tryon gave me a tour of the town, and then told me, as it says on the back of the book, that though the congregation is small my preaching need not be. Good thing he said that! It gave me permission to be myself. And that makes me wonder, is Dick Tryon God?

HF: What is one thing you hope readers will take away from this collection?
LG: A feeling of having their minds blown—not by me, though, but by the depth and breadth, the scope of what we're invited and empowered to imagine and long for.

And that the Bible is their book. It doesn't belong only to those who think they know what it all means. It belongs (perhaps more so) to those of us who are willing to give ourselves to it, if just bit by bit, to suspect that it might be true or revealing in some way, and then to try it on, to wear it around, to see if that's the case.

That's two things—very typical of me, always testing the boundary.

Breaking and Entering is available from Wipf and Stock Publishers, your local bookstore, or Amazon. Watch the book trailer at vimeo.com/162428073. You can also listen to Liz's weekly sermons by subscribing to the podcast on iTunes: search for "Monterey United Church of Christ."

On Spectacle Pond
Against Kinder Morgan's Pipeline

On Saturday, July 16, the Sugar Shack Alliance of Western Massachusetts—and their anti-pipeline/pro-climate-justice-seeking partners in the Berkshires—are holding an all-day informational, awareness-raising celebration of solidarity on Spectacle Pond in Sandisfield and in the town hall courtyard of Great Barrington.

On Spectacle Pond is a celebration of unity between community members, legislators, and activists who want to put an end to fossil fuel pipelines in the Berkshires and beyond, and who are working tirelessly to keep our public lands under the permanent protection afforded by Article 97 of the state constitution. The event is also designed to be an opportunity for all of us to become acquainted with this beautiful property in the path of Kinder Morgan's Connecticut expansion pipeline, which stands as an example of all the Article 97 lands that are threatened.

On Spectacle Pond will kick off with a rally on July 16 at the Great Barrington town hall gazebo, from noon to 1 p.m. Music, speakers, and updates are on the agenda.

From there folks who are interested can wend their way to Otis State Park in Sandisfield via carpool for the main rally at the beach and boat launch on delightful Lower Spectacle Pond, from 2 to 3 p.m. for more music and speakers (some of whom have become local folk heroes during this battle!) as well as local and state legislators who continue to have our backs. A flotilla of kayaks and canoes will give a show of support. The event will conclude at 4 p.m. Spectators/participants can enjoy either one or both events.

For more information contact the sugarshackalliance@gmail.com, or Kathy Daly at inothatcat@gmail.com.

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Wildlife Report
Mid-May to Mid-June

There have been plenty of bears about during the past month, and I understand that at this time of year especially, the young males are headed out in the world looking for a home of their own. If you see a young-ish bear with one or two red tags, it has travelled north to us from Connecticut. If the ear tags are yellow or blue, it is a Massachusetts bear.

There have been moose, too, but with no ear tags. Ann Canning saw one back in April on the Monterey-Tyringham Road, and Steve Snyder says there are "the usual moose and bears" around Gould Farm, also a pileated woodpecker and a woodcock seen along Diane's Trail. He says this is "the year of the Baltimore oriole", and there are wood ducks on the upper lagoon at the farm, one hen and five or six males. There are barred owls about and an indigo bunting near the birdfeeder, also a report that Stephen Enoch saw a bald eagle chasing a kestrel over the Harvest Barn. Steve Snyder says the bank swallows are back, and the barn swallows, and two crows and a raven.

Jon Sylbert saw a young bear with two red ear tags near the end of May and got some good photographs. Richard and Karen Farkas saw a youngster the next day along Monument Mountain Road. They also wrote about a large golden fox with a bushy tail, which came "ambling through our yard about dark." (Jon's bear below.)

Continuing with bears, we had a sighting in late May when Pat Nourse on Main Road called about a bear visitor with a red tag in each ear. It came by the house and shook the thistle-seed feeder by its cord, then went up to the Corashire Cemetery lot and across the road. Also late in May, Myrna Schneiderman saw a mama and two cubs coming up the driveway about breakfast time, but finding there was no birdfeeder, they turned away to walk up Hupi Road.

In the middle of June, one day near dusk, Jim Edelman was headed out with the compost when he saw a mother bear with two good-sized cubs in the yard. The next morning, the Edelmans found both of their hummingbird feeders were missing, as well as some containers of organic gardening potions which had been on the potting bench on the deck. Four days later there was yet another bear at the Edelmans.

In mid and late June there were sightings along New Marlboro Road and Main Road by Wendy Jensen and Emanuel Wolff of a smaller bear limping due to a missing front right paw. Wendy watched it eating leafy greens in a swamp. A week earlier she had seen a much larger bear in the same area, standing up against a tree.

In early June, Joe and Patty Pac were on their way to the transfer station and saw a large snapping turtle moving slowly across Gould Road. They were concerned for it, but saw that it made it safely to the other side.

In the middle of the month, Donna Burkhart at Gould Farm went out to water some plants and saw a doe deer in the ferns by the woods at the edge of the yard. A tiny fawn was just visible above the ferns, nursing, and Donna held still and watched for some time. Then the doe raised her head, saw Donna, and "gracefully retreated" with her baby.

Maureen Banner got some good photographs of larval forms that look like caterpillars but are really sawfly larvae.

To get to the bears again, Nathaniel Rundle was on his way to a Monterey News board meeting and saw a mid-sized bear with one red ear tag on River Road. Kyle and Don Pierce saw one with two red tags, each of which bore the inscription "16.5." They also saw a remarkably small bear standing up against a very big pine tree near their house, reaching for the birdfeeder. They loved this bear and took movies.

Jacob Edelman saw a coyote trotting along on Hupi Road in the middle of June, and there is a coyote that stops by the new little chicken house at Gould Farm, Steve Snyder says. I learned also of a scarlet tanager in the New Marlboro Road area.

Kyle and Don Pierce keep a close eye on the Lake Buel eagles, and often go out in a boat with Roz Halberstadter. In late June they were out about sunset, along with Cora Baker and me, and we all got to see two handsome eagles, one landing right on the edge of the water to get a drink, the other perched in a tall pine, sometimes keeping a lookout and sometimes preening and arranging feathers. The eagles were quiet, although Kyle and Don did speak to them quite a lot in a friendly way.

Thank you for your wild news.

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Above- Maureen Banner's sawfly larvae.
Right- A luna moth on Lanna Knoll's hand. (Photo by Sue Knoll)

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Meetings and Events

Board of Health: Monday, July 11, at 4 p.m. Please call 528-1443 x111 to be placed on the agenda.

Conservation Commission: Tuesday, July 12, at 6 p.m.

Council on Aging: Wednesday, July 13 and 27, at 10 a.m.

Free wellness clinic: Berkshire VNA on Thursday, July 14, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Foot Nurse: Thursday, July 14, 9 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment (please call 528-1443 x247). All ages are welcome.

Parks Commission: Wednesday, July 6, at 6 p.m.

Planning Board: Thursday, July 14 and 28, at 7 p.m. Please call Maggie Leonard at 528-9685 to be placed on the agenda.

Select Board: Mondays, July 11 and 18, at 9am and July 25 at 4pm. Please call 528-1443 x111 to be placed on the agenda.

Office/Town Hall Closings

The administrative assistant's office will be closed on July 1. The Town Hall will be closed on July 4. Individual office closings are posted on the town calendar and on the department's voicemail message. We recommend always calling ahead.

Other News—Bears

Make your yard and neighborhood less attractive to bears. *(From the MA Dept of Fish & Game)*

It's all about food! When bears find sources of food in residential areas, they tend to spend more time in neighborhoods where a meal may be easily found. This can result in a bear losing its fear of people (habituation), and in some cases can lead to bears breaking into sheds, cages, and even homes, in search of food. You can help keep bears wild and wary of people by following the suggestions below. To be effective, it's important for entire neighborhoods to follow these guidelines.

Bird Feeders and Bears

- If you live in an area with bears, it is best to avoid bird feeders altogether. Bears finding a bird feeder, bird seed, corn, or other bird food will often revisit that site, month after month, year after year. Bird feeders draw bears closer to people, resulting in bears losing their fear of people. It's not safe for bears or people to be close to one another. If you choose to put out feeders, doing so in the winter when bears are denned may decrease the chances of a bear coming to your feeder. In general, most bears are denned from mid-December through February. Although most bears in Massachusetts enter winter dens at some point, MassWildlife biologists have tracked bears that remained active for some or all of the winter if food is available. It is important that you remove the entire feeder at the first sign of bear activity.
- For those people who enjoy birds in their yard, MassWildlife suggests growing native plants, shrubs, and trees to attract birds. Adding a water feature is a big draw for birds. Taking these actions may increase the diversity of birds you see and will prevent the unnatural feeding of bears and other kinds of neighborhood wildlife.
- Some bears have learned to simply empty bird feeders without destroying the feeder. Do not continue to fill a feeder.
- Do not leave empty feeders out. They can still attract bears.

Garbage and Compost

- Store all garbage in closed containers in a garage or outbuilding. Do not leave your garbage barrels outside overnight; put them by the roadside just before pickup. Using double bags or sprinkling with ammonia will help reduce odors. Bears and other wild and domestic animals will tip cans and scatter garbage. Bears may be attracted by smelly cans even if there isn't anything in them, so store garbage cans inside.
- Compost responsibly—do not throw meat scraps, greasy, oily, or sweet materials in your compost pile. Bears and other animals are attracted to these kinds of food.

Other Attractants

- Feed pets indoors. Pet food is a tasty treat for bears, and don't leave pet food outdoors.
- Clean greasy barbecues and grills after each use. Do not leave food scraps, grease containers, or spilled grease in your yard.

Share these tips with your friends and neighbors, and help keep wildlife wild.

—Kenn Basler, Chair
Steve Weisz and Carol Edelman
Monterey Select Board

Dave Gilmore

Transfer station concrete foundation is curing before being backfilled in early July.

Calendar

Every Sunday: Adult softball. Batting practice at 10, games 10:30, Greene Park.

Every Tuesday:

Chair Yoga with Connie Wilson, 9 to 10 a.m., Monterey Town Hall. Free, sponsored by Monterey Parks Commission.

Stitch'n Time, 10 to 11:30, Monterey Library.

Cards and Games club, at 12:30 to 3 p.m., at the town hall.

Monterey farmers market, 2 to 4 p.m., community center. See page 2.

Through July 23: Knox Gallery exhibit, David Bacharach, *A Parliament of Owls/A Conspiracy of Ravens*. See page 7

Saturday, July 2:

Monterey Library Program: Jim Snack, magician. 10:30 a.m. See pages 4 and 11.

Bidwell House Township No. 1 Day, 1 to 4 p.m., Bidwell House Museum. See page 20.

Our Lady of the Hills chapel opens for vigil mass, 7 p.m.. See page 5.

Tuesday, July 5: Bidwell singers gather to practice, 4 p.m., community center. See page 7.

Saturday, July 9:

Fishing Derby, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Berkshire National Fish Hatchery, kids twelve and under. (Next derby is August 20.)

At the Monterey Community Center:

9 a.m., outdoor yoga with Connie Wilson.

10:30 a.m., beekeeping workshop with Russ Wilson. See page 9 for both activities.

Monterey Library Program: Tom Seiling, singer and guitarist. 10:30 a.m. See pages 4 and 11.

Bidwell House tour: Woven Roots Farm, Tyringham, 2 to 4 p.m. See page 20.

Liz Goodman's *Breaking & Entering*, book release party, 4 p.m., see page 22.

Monday, July 11: Tell your story: Summer in Monterey. 7 to 9 p.m., Monterey Library. See page 14.

Thursday, July 14:

Foot nurse, 9 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment. Call 528-1443 x 247. All ages welcome.

Wellness clinic, BVNA, town hall meeting room, 2 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 16:

Monterey Library Program: Mike Bent, magician. 10:30 a.m. See pages 4 and 11.

Monterey Community Center tag sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See page 9.

Lenox Contra Dance from 8 to 11 p.m., new dancer session at 7:45. Live music by Uncle Farmer, with all dances called and taught by Susan Petrick. Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker St. LenoxContraDance.org. Contact 528-4007.

Sunday, July 17: Council on Aging trip, ball game and picnic in Pittsfield. See page 7.

Saturday, July 23:

Monterey Library Program: Meredyth Babcock, Dr. Marmalade Puppet show, 10:30 a.m. See pages 4 and 11.

Appalachain Trails Hikes at 10:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., picnic at 5 p.m. See page 8.

Bidwell Crafts Workshop: Plant dyes and fibers, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. See page 20.

Monday, July 25: Adult book group meets at 7:30 p.m. Knox Gallery, Monterey Library. We will discuss *Circling the Sun*, by Paula McLain. All are welcome.

Saturday, July 30:

Monterey Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See page 4.

Saturday, July 30 (cont.): Bidwell History Talk: Historic Landscapes, by Christine DeLucia, Ph.D., 10 a.m., Tyringham Union Church. See page 20.

Monterey Fire Company steak roast, 5 to 7 p.m. See page 8.

Friday, August 5: Immaculate Conception Church's 150th anniversary mass, Mill River, at 7 p.m. See page 5.

Saturday, August 6:

Monterey Library Program: Mary Jo Maichack, singer and storyteller, 10:30 a.m. See pages 4 and 11.

Movie night, Madagascar, 8:30 p.m., Greene Park. Presented by Monterey Parks Commission.

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Save the Dates

August 13: Celebrate Bidwell's birthday at Bidwell House Museum.

August 20: Friends of Lake Garfield's MontereyFest

August 20: Knox Gallery reception—Anne Shatas and William Carlson.

August 21: LobsterFest

Transfer Station News

Don't forget to get your new Transfer Station sticker. You need to have the new sticker affixed to the right rear window of your vehicle.

Now that the summer season is here it's more important than ever to have your recycling sorted before you arrive and remember to pull forward as far as possible. That saves everyone extra walking and keeps the flow of traffic moving.

If you have items to donate, please ask Beth to where she would like them left. Lawn chairs, dishes and silverware seem to be in demand right now.

I said last month I would provide a picture of our new Transfer Station which I have. There hasn't been much change in the last month because the new concrete has to cure before backfilling can begin. By the end of next month that should be completed and the last of the concrete should be in place.

We hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July weekend and enjoy the summer weeks to come.

—Beth, Ben, and Dave

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